

02CR441

March 6, 2006

Dear Judge Raggi:

To: Mr. Lese

The court has no recollection
of the letter

s/Reena Raggi

Please allow me to thank you for ~~3/16/06~~
your timely response to my recent letter.
Your response, however, indicated only that
the letter that I referred to was not "located."
I am unclear on whether your Honor has any
recollection of receiving or reviewing such
a letter. I should explain why this matter is
of importance.

On August 16, 2002, I entered a plea
of guilty before your Honor to wire fraud, and
conspiracy to commit the same. At the end of
the proceedings, your Honor invited me to provide
an explanation, prior to sentencing, of why I
resorted to criminal activity. In a letter dated
February 28, 2003, I endeavored to do so.
On May 28, 2003, the government asked Judge
Plesson to accord a two level enhancement
for obstruction of justice, arguing that the letter
contained false statements. While Judge Plesson
denied the government's request for an
enhancement, he denied me any reduction for
acceptance of responsibility, characterizing the
events detailed in my February 28, 2003
letter false.

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My former attorney, Mr. Jacobs, made a decision to withdraw the February 28, 2003 letter rather than argue the truthfulness of the letter. Since I sought no leniency in submitting the letter, I deferred to his judgment on that. Moreover, since your Honor was no longer the presiding Judge, your Honor's invitation was essentially off the table.

I have since challenged the characterization of the facts in the February 28, 2003 letter on both direct appeal, and in an impending \$2255 motion.

Your Honor may be a witness to the letter's truthfulness, if your Honor has a recollection of being privy to the facts underlying the letter some three years prior to the February 28, 2003 letter. It is your Honor's liability as a witness that I am hereby attempting to assess. Of course, if your Honor has no recollection of the April 2000 correspondence, which referenced calls to 911, that ends the inquiry.

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Your Honor's indulgence and assistance
in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, featuring a large, stylized initial 'C' followed by several loops and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.